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To the Author of the WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

SOME Time ago, I ſent you the Sketch of a Criticiſm on a Play of *Fletcher's*, call'd *Rollo*, Duke of *Normandy*: I have ſince made a few Remarks on another, intitled, *Thierry* and *Theodoret*, by the ſame Author; and if you think them fit for your Paper, they are at your Service.

This Tragedy, like the former, is hiſtorical, and relates a Proceſs of Adventures; of courſe takes up a Length of Time, and ſhifts the Scene to a Variety of Places: This, in my Opinion, is a capital Fault, and, more particularly ſo, as it might have been eaſily avoided.

The Subject is in itſelf both grand and pathetick, the Incidents noble and ſtriking, many of the Characters grand and maſterly, and the Cataſtrophe uncommonly and beautifully diſtreſsful. But then there is a Vein of wretched Comedy that runs thro' the Whole, and like a Stream of muddy Water pollutes as it goes.

The Tale is of a very ſingular Nature, conſiſting of the Intrigues of a Mother to ruin her two Sons, to ſecure herſelf in the Practice of her Vices: It begins moſt naturally with a ſevere Remonſtrance from one of them to amend her Life, and behave more agreeably to her Dignity and Honour. Her Appeal to the other is a neceſſary Conſequence of this, and all the capital Points of her Conduct afterwards witneſs a Woman of vaſt Capacity, invincible Spirit, untameable Paſſions, and, in ſhort, ſet her up as the principal Character of the whole Piece. —— But in order to give you a more lively Idea of this great irregular Piece, I will make ſome Quotations from the moſt remarkable Scenes, and add my Obſervations as I go along.

Act 1. Scene 1. *Theodoret, Brunhalt.*

Brun. Tax me with theſe hot Taintures!'
Theo. You are too ſudden; I do but gently tell you
what becomes you, and what may bend your Honour from theſe Courſes of looſe and lazy Pleaſures; not ſuſpected, but done and known; your Mind that grants no Limit, and all your Actions follow.
From Example,
If not for Virtue's Sake ye may be honeſt:
There have been great ones, good ones: You may imagine,
Which cozens all the World, but chiefly Women,
The Name of Greatneſs glorifies your Actions,
And ſtrong Power, like a Pent-houſe, promiſes
To ſhade you from Opinion: Take Heed, Mother!
And let us all take Heed! Theſe moſt abuſe us:
The Sins we do, People behold through Opticks
Which ſhows them ten Times more than common Vices,
And often multiplies them; then what Juſtice
Dare we inflict upon the weak Offenders,
When we are Thieves ourſelves?
Brun. I am ſhe,
And ſo will bear myſelf, whoſe Truth and Whiteneſs
Shall ever ſtand as far from theſe Detractions
As you from Duty; get you better Servants!
People of honeſt Actions, without Ends,
And whip theſe Slaves away!
Theo. Theſe Truths are no Mens Tales, but all Mens Troubles, [ſtare them!
They are, though your ſtrange Greatneſs would out-
Witneſs the daily Libels, almoſt Ballads,
In every Place, almoſt in every Province,
Are made upon your Luſt, Tavern-Diſcourſes,
Crowd cram'd with Whiſpers. Nay the holy Temples
Are not without your Curſes: Now you wou'd bluſh,
But your black, tainted Blood dare not appear
For fear I ſhou'd fright that too.
Brun. O ye Gods!
Theo. Do not abuſe their Names! They ſee your Actions.
And your conceal'd Sins, tho' you work like Moles,
Lye level to their Juſtice.
Brun. Art thou a Son?
Theo. The more my Shame is, of ſo bad a Mother,
And more your Wretchedneſs you let me be ſo;
But Woman! for a Mother's Name hath left me
Since you have left your Honour, mend theſe Ruins!
And build again that broken Frame, and fairly;
Your moſt intemperate Fires have burnt, and quickly
Within theſe ten Days take a Monaſtry,
A moſt ſtrict Houſe, a Houſe where none may whiſper, [make you
Where no more Light is known, but what may
Believe there is a Day; where no Hope dwells,
Nor Comfort but in Tears.
Brun. O Miſery!
Theo. And there to cold Repentance, and ſtarved Pennance
Tye your ſucceeding Days!
Brun. I will not curſe you,
Nor lay a Prophecy upon your Pride,
Though Heaven might grant me both: Unthankful! know,
I nouriſh'd you, 'twas I, poor I! groan'd for you:
'Twas I felt what you ſuffer'd; I lamented
When Sickneſs or ſad Hours held back your Sweetneſs; [ings:
'Twas I paid for your Sleeps, I watch'd your Wak-
My daily Cares and Fears, that rid, play'd, walk'd,
Diſcours'd, fed, and faſhion'd you
To what you are; and am I thus rewarded?
Theo. But that I know theſe Tears, I cou'd dote on them,
And kneel to catch them as they fall.
But Woman! they are dangerous Drops, deceitful,
Full of the Weeper, Anger, and Ill-Nature.
Brun. In my laſt Hours deſpis'd.——
Theo. That Text ſhould tell,
How ugly it becomes you to err thus;
Your Flames are ſpent, nothing but Smoak maintains ye;
And thoſe your Favour and your Bounty ſuffers
Lye not with you, they do but lay Luſt on you,
And them embrace you as they caught a Paſſy;
But, were you once diſgraced,
Or fallen in Wealth, like Leaves, they would fly from you,
And become Browſe for every Beaſt:
Leave theſe and live like *Niobe*; I told you how:
And, when your Eyes have dropt away Remembrance
Of what you were, I am your Son! perform it!
Exit.
Brun. Am I a Woman? and no more Power in me;
To tie this Tyger up; a Soul to no End,
Have I got Shame, and loſt my Will? *Brunhalt*,
From this accurſed Hour, forget thou bor'ſt him,
Or any Part of thy Blood gave him Living,
Let him be to thee an Antipathy,
A Thing thy Nature ſweats at, and turns backward:
Throw all the Miſchiefs on him that thyſelf
Or Women worſe than thou art, have invented,
And kill him drunk, or doubtful.

In the Tranſcription of this Scene, I have preſum'd to cut off many low and unneceſſary Circumſtances, and bring the Senſe and Paſſions as near together as poſſible: When this was done, I thought it would be more entertaining to the Reader in the Connection, as above, than in the moſt judicious Quotations, and appear more to the Author's Honour, than with the moſt pertinent Remarks. After this, *Brunhalt* and her Creatures fly in the Night to *Thierry*, her other Son, and incenſe him againſt his Brother. *Theodoret*, apprehenſive of this, haſtens after with all imaginable Expedition, and upon a Vindication of himſelf, the following Reconciliation takes Place.

Thierry, Theodoret, Brunhalt.

Thier. I do begin
To feel an Alteration in my Nature,
And, in his full ſwil'd Confidence, a Shower
Of gentle Rain, that falling on the Fire
Of my hot Rage, hath quench'd it; ha! I wou'd
Once more ſpeak roughly to him, and I will;
Yet there is ſomething whiſpers to me, that
I have ſaid too much. How is my Heart divided
Between the Duty of a Son, and Love
Due to a Brother! Yet I am ſwayed here,
And muſt ſk of you, how 'tis poſſible
You can affect me, that have learn'd to hate,
Where you ſhou'd pay your Love?
Theo. Which join'd with Duty,
Upon my Knees I ſhou'd be proud to tender,
Had ſhe not us'd herſelf ſo many Swords
To cut thoſe Bonds that tied me to it.
Thier. Fie, no more of that.
Theo. Alas! it is a Theam,
I take no Pleaſure to diſcourſe of; wou'd
It cou'd as ſoon be buried to the World,
As it ſhou'd die to me: Nay more, I wiſh,
Next to my Part of Heaven, that ſhe wou'd ſpend
The laſt Part of her Life ſo here, that all
Indifferent Judges might condemn me, for
A moſt malicious Slanderer: Nay text it
Upon my Forehead. If you hate me, Mother!
Put me to ſuch a Shame, pray you do believe it
There is no Glory that may fall upon me,
Can equal the Delight I ſhou'd receive
In that Diſgrace; provided the Repeal
Of your long-baniſh'd Virtues and Good-Nature
Uſher'd me to it.
Thier. See! ſhe ſhews herſelf
An eaſy Mother, which her Tears confirm.
Theo. 'Tis a good Sign! the comfortableſt Rain
I ever ſaw!
Thier. Embrace: Why this is well,
May never more but Love in you, and Duty
On your Part riſe between you.

[*The reſt in our next.*]

The following Poems in Engliſh *and* Latin, *are ſaid to be written by the Rev. Dr.* Swift, *D. S. P. D. which are procured from ſome of his Friends.*

On his own DEAFNESS.

VErtiginoſus, inops, ſurdus, male gratus amicis;
Non campana ſonans, tonitru non ab Jove miſſum;
Quod mage mirandum, ſaltem ſi credere fas eſt,
Vix clamoſa meas mulier jam percutit Aures.

In Engliſh.

DEAF, giddy, helpleſs, left alone,
To all my Friends a Burthen grown:
No more I hear my Church's Bell
Than if it rang out for my Knell:
At Thunder now no more I ſtart,
Than at the Rumbling of a Cart:
Nay, what's incredible, alack!
I hardly hear a Woman's Clack.

SATURDAY, *November* 9.

HIS Majeſty has been pleaſed to order one Serjeant, one Corporal, one Drum, and 25 private Men, to be added to each Company in the eight Regiments of Foot which came from *Ireland* ſome Months ago; the Addition being to each Regiment, ten Serjeants, ten Corporals, and ten Drums, and 250 private Men; in the Whole 2240 Men.

His Majeſty has been likewiſe pleaſed to order, that the *Britannia*, together with 25 other Ships of the Line, which were retir'd to Harbour, and were only to have their Gunpowder taken on Shore to prevent its receiving Damage, ſhould now be diſarm'd, and put into the Docks in order to be refitted.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length, are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

Yesterday, pursuant to a Rule of Court, an eminent City Physician, shew'd Cause in the Court of *King's-Bench* at *Westminster*, why an Information should not go against him, for assaulting and beating a Surgeon at *Child's* Coffee-house in St. *Paul's Church-Yard*; his Counsel were Mr. *Marsh* and Mr. *Crewle*; but the Court disallow'd the Cause, and made the Rule absolute.

A few Days since the Dray of Mr. *Nichols*, a Brewer at *Shepperton* in *Middlesex*, returning from *Weybridge* in *Surrey*, with some empty Casks, and the Driver falling asleep, the three Horses that drew the Dray went directly into the *Thames*, almost opposite to *Shepperton* Church, below the Ferry, swam over the *Thames*, and got up a Bank four Foot high from the Water, into the old Church-Yard (the Back of Justice *Reynell's* Garden) at *Shepperton*, where they were found the next Morning; the empty Vessels were found floating on the *Thames*, but the Driver was drowned.

They write from *Coventry*, that on the 21st of last Month (being their Fair) two Men and four Women were apprehended there and committed to Gaol, for picking Pockets: They had three Horses, a light gray, a dark gray, and a dark brown; a large Sum of Money was found amongst them, and a bloody Shirt in a Wallet, by which they were suspected of some foul Play: They seem'd to be all of a Gang, and spoke broad North.

We are inform'd that a Libel is exhibited against a certain Tradesman near *Hanover-Square*, by a Woman, who insists upon a Marriage with him, the Ceremony being performed by a Woman in the Presence of several Witnesses, and a Child born in Consequence of the said Marriage: Several Depositions relating to this Affair have been taken before *Francis Whitworth*, Esq; of *Burlington-Gardens*. The Tradesman was about two Months since married to a young Gentlewoman of 3000l.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of *Orange* having embark'd on Wednesday last at *Harwich* for *Holland*, sailed out of the Harbour the same Tide; but was hardly got clear of the Land when the Wind came about to the East, and a Calm succeeding, her Royal Highness ordered the Yachts to put back, and accordingly return'd to *Harwich* on Thursday Evening.

Yesterday being the Festival of St. *Elizabeth*, whose Name her *Catholick* Majesty bears, his Excellency the Count *de Montijo*, the *Spanish* Ambassador, gave a most magnificent Entertainment to the Right Hon. the Lord *Harrington*, the Earls of *Scarborough*, *Grantham*, *Pomfret* and *Albemarle*, and several others of the Nobility; as also to most of the Foreign Ministers residing here, and to many other Persons of Distinction: The Dinner consisted in four Courses of 26 Dishes each.

Letters from *Cadiz* advise, that several *Dutch* Ships began to come in loaded with Corn; and that Corn came in also from *Turkey* in *English* Bottoms; and though above 30 *English* Ships had arrived there with Corn in a short Time, yet it had not abated the Price, there being such a Demand for it.

By a private Letter from a Gentleman who went over to *Dunkirk* some Time ago, and is now residing there, we learn, that they were under great Apprehensions in *France* of a War with *England* and *Holland*, having heard that the *Dutch* were fitting out a Fleet: This Letter takes no Notice of any Preparations for fortifying *Dunkirk*, as has been reported.

We hear some Measures will be concerted by the new Parliament at their approaching Session, to encourage the *British* Sailors (the Glory and Safeguard of this Kingdom) that they may be ready at all Emergencies for the Service of their Country, which will at the same Time prevent their Entring into that of other Nations; for it is justly remark'd, that without the *English*, *Scotch*, and *Irish* Sailors, the Fleets of more Foreign Powers than one, would for some Time past have made but a despicable Appearance.

Should the War continue, (as is much fear'd at present) by the Measures taken at the Court of *Vienna*, and the Assistance which the Emperor expects from the Czarina, the Princes of the Empire, and other Powers, (who may think it their Interest to support him, perhaps not so much for his Sake as their own) 'tis apprehended that Things will turn out different in a future Campaign, to what they did in the last; especially if the *Turks* keep quiet on the Side of *Bosnia*, which is the main Topick in Dispute, and depends on the Event of the Affairs in *Persia*.

Preferment. *Richard Edgcombe*, Esq; Joint Vice-Treasurer and Receiver-General of *Ireland*, Representative in Parliament for the Borough of *Lestwithiel* in *Cornwall*, is made Lord Warden of the *Stannaries*, in the room of the late Lord Viscount *Falmouth*.

Death. On Thursday last died, the Hon. *John Hobart*, Esq; Brigadier-General, and Captain and Governor of *Pendennis-Castle* in the County of *Cornwall*.

MONDAY, *November* 11.

We hear from *Canterbury*, that one *Thomas Aldridge* of that Place buried his Wife on Sunday the 3d Instant, and courted another the Tuesday following, and because she gave him a Denial, he went home and hanged himself, but was luckily cut down before he was quite dead.

Mr. *Samuel Davenport*, who died last Week, has left by his Will 200 l. to *Christ's-Hospital*, also five Guineas to the Rev. Mr. *Peter Selby*, one of the Masters of the said Hospital, to purchase the Annals of Queen *Anne*. He gave in his Life-time to the said Hospital a curious Picture of Queen *Anne*, which is now in the great Hall there.

We hear that *Clifford William Phillips*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and one of the Committee of the *Charitable Corporation*, is gone over to *France*, being deputed by the said Committee to treat with Mr. *George Robinson*, formerly Member of Parliament for *Great Marlow* in *Bucks*, and late a Banker in *Lombard street*, who went off some Time ago with a very large Sum, in Notes and Money, belonging to the said Corporation.

'Tis observable, that the Fleets at *Spithead* and *Brest* went into Harbour so near the same Time, that it is not easily to be determin'd which receiv'd the first Orders.

There are at present 27 *French* and *Spanish* Men of War in *Cadiz* Harbour; but the *French* Squadron is expected at *Toulon* about the Beginning of *December*, to be laid up for the Remainder of the Winter Season.

They write from *Turin*, that the Earl of *Essex*, his Majesty's Ambassador at that Court, had propos'd to the King of *Sardinia's* Ministers a Suspension of Arms between the Emperor and the Allies, whereupon a Courier was sent immediately to his *Sardinian* Majesty at his Camp at *Bozzolo*; but that Prince return'd for Answer, that he could agree to no Proposal till he had taken his most *Christian* Majesty's Sentiments thereupon. Some Accounts say, that the Allies have lost 42,000 Men and 8000 Horses, since the Beginning of the War in *Lombardy*.

Some Letters from *Italy* advise, that the *Neapolitans* begin to grow tumultuous, and threaten the Peace of the *Spanish* Government.

They write from *Sicily*, that the Reduction of that Kingdom goes on very heavily, and that the *Spaniards* have been obliged to turn the Sieges of several Places into Blockades, in order to employ their Troops upon other Occasions.

No less than 696,032 Yards of Linnen have been enter'd at the *Custom-house* out of the *Jane* and *Draper* from *Belfast*, and the *Dublin-Merchant* from *Dublin*.

On Thursday last in the Evening a Dray of Mr. *Mayo's* the Brewer, being returned home, as the Horse-keeper was taking off the Collar from one of the Horses, the Horse seized him a little below the Elbow, and broke the Bone; and immediately shifting his Hold, seized his Arm above the Elbow, which Bone he likewise broke; and notwithstanding several Men beat him with large Sticks, they could not disengage him till he threw the Man down, and broke two of his Ribs: The poor Fellow was immediately carried to St. *Thomas's-Hospital*, where he now lies dangerously ill.

A few Days since *John* and *Joshua Field*, who were convicted at the last Assizes at *Hertford*, for assaulting Mr. *Lacy* and his Son on *Pirton-Common* in *Hertfordshire*, and dangerously wounding the Son, made their Escapes out of *Hertford* Gaol.

Last Week was exported to *Holland*, 9000 Ounces of Gold, and 20,000 Ounces of Silver; and to *Spain*, 2040 Quarters of Wheat, 2 lb. of wrought Gold, and 9 lb. of wrought Silver.

Marriages. On Thursday last Mr. *Ladbrook*, a great Distiller near *Doctor's-Commons*, was married to Miss *Browne*, Daughter of Mr. *Browne*, a Chymist in *Fish-street*, a Fortune of near 6000 l.——Mr. *Asburst*, a Sugar-Baker in *Distaff-Lane*, was married a few Days ago to Miss *Thompson*, eldest Daughter of the late *William Thompson*, Esq; a Lady of a great Fortune.——A few Days ago Mr. *Rich* of *Farringdon*, *Berks*, was married to Miss *Pye*, third Daughter of *Henry Pye*, Esq; of the same Place.

Deaths. Last Week died the Hon. Miss *Forbes*, Sister to the late Lord *Forbes* of the Kingdom of *Scotland*.—— On Friday the 2d Instant died at *Durham*, Mrs. *Hedworth*, a Maiden Lady, Sister to *John Hedworth*, Esq; Member of Parliament for the County of *Durham*.

Bankrupts. *John Wilkinson*, of the City of *Chester*, Apothecary.——*John Crossfield*, of *Holm-Hill*, in the Parish of *Burton*, in the County of *Westmoreland*, Chapman and Malster.——*John Jarden*, of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, Chapman.——*Henry Nugent*, of *Carnaby-Market*, in the Parish of St. *James*, *Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Dealer in Dorchester-Beer, Warehouseman and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *November* 12.

It was very lucky that her Royal Highness the Princess of *Orange* put back to *Harwich*; for the Packet-Boat that went out at the same Time met with such blowing Weather, that it was with great Difficulty she got into the *Brill*, having lost her Mast in her Passage.

Yesterday the redeem'd Captives from *Mequinez*, to the Number of 135 Persons, nine of whom were Commanders, were presented to his Majesty within the Garden-Wall belonging to St. *James's-House*; his Majesty receiv'd them with great Marks of Tenderness and Compassion, asking the Chief of them several Questions, and was graciously pleased to order a Donation of 100 l. out of the Privy Purse, to be distributed among them: Several Lords and Ladies of the Court gave likewise ten and five Guineas a-piece. They were afterwards conducted to the Garden of the Admiralty-Office, to be view'd by the Lords Commissioners. One of the Captives presented Sir *Charles Wager* with a Letter from Admiral *Perez*, who was formerly here in a publick Character from the Emperor of *Fez* and *Morocco*: Sir *Charles Wager* gave a Bank Bill of 50 l. to be distributed among them; they afterwards went to *Ironmongers-Hall*, where a handsome Dinner was prepar'd. Most of them being able Seamen, are determin'd to serve on board the Fleet.

On Sunday in the Forenoon, a Gentleman well dress'd, having two Gold Rings on his Fingers, ten Shillings in Silver, and a Pocket-Book about him, was taken out of the *Thames* at *Westminster-Bridge*, supposed to have been drowned by some Accident.

Yesterday the best Beef sold in *Smithfield-Market* at 10 d. *per* Stone alive, and the best Mutton at 9 d.

Letters from *Berlin* mention, that the Nuptials of the Princess, fourth Daughter of the King of *Prussia*, with the Margrave of *Brandenbourg-Schwedt*, Nephew to the Prince of *Anhalt*, his Majesty's Favourite and Prime Minister, were solemnized on Thursday Se'nnight, at the Royal Palace at *Potsdam*, with great Magnificence. This Princess was born in 1720, and has a younger Sister about ten Years of Age: Her three eldest Sisters are married to the Prince of *Bareith*, to the Margrave of *Anspach*, Nephew to Queen *Caroline*, and to the Hereditary Prince of *Brunswick-Beveren*.

These Letters add, that his *Prussian* Majesty having had a Swelling in the Calf of his Leg, the same came to an Head, and being open'd, discharg'd a prodigious Quantity of Water, since which he has been much easier, the Load on his Breast considerably less, and his Respiration freer. His Majesty bore the Operation with Courage and Resolution. The *Dutch* Envoy, Baron *de Ginkell*, being arriv'd at *Potsdam* from *Holland*, the King sent for him instantly to come to him, and kept him five Hours in Discourse. His Excellency is one of the greatest Favourites of that Prince. His Majesty keeps Death in View with great Calmness and Fortitude.

The King not being able to be present at the Solemnity of the Marriage, was personated by the Prince Royal. The Queen did not appear in publick, but receiv'd the Bride and Bridegroom in the King's Anti-Chamber; after which they receiv'd the King's Blessing in his Bed-Chamber.

'Tis said that the Emperor is going to erect a tenth Electorate in the Empire, in Favour of the House of *Hesse-Cassel*, which, if true, will make a very considerable Addition to the Strength of the Protestant Interest in *Germany*.

Letters from *Vienna* by the *Holland* Mail of Saturday Night, gives us an Account of another Stratagem successfully tried by the brave Count *Traun*, Governor of *Capua* in the Kingdom of *Naples*. That General had observ'd, that the *Spaniards* employ'd in the Blockade, frequently put their Cattle to Grass in the Night with Bells about their Necks; one dark Night he furnish'd 200 of his Grenadiers with such Bells, and sent them out; the *Spaniards* hearing the Bells, had no Suspicion of them, but let them approach their principal Quarters; however, left they should be Peasants come to steal their Cows, they march'd that Way. The *Spaniards* retired into their Quarters, and gave the Alarm: A great Detachment march'd out to attack the *Imperialists*, but they were all got safe in the Fortress. The next Day Count *Traun* was told, that this Stratagem had cost the *Spaniards* above 50 Men.

Letters from *Hambourg* are full of the Praises of his *Britannick* Majesty, to whose good Offices they ascribe the King of *Denmark's* recalling his Ships of War from cruizing on the Navigation of their City.

Letters from *Gibraltar*, dated the 10th past, O. S. confirm the Account given in our former of *Muley Abdallah*, Emperor, or King, of *Fez* and *Morocco*, having been deposed by his Black Army, and *Muley Ally*, youngest Brother of *Muley Hamet*, who succeeded *Muley Ismael*, having been proclaim'd Emperor at *Mequinez* in his stead. *Muley Abdallah* had fled with some Friends to-

wards the City of *Morocco*; and, if that City receiv'd him, it was presum'd all the South Part of *Barbary* would assist him; and in such Case, he might be long able to support himself.

There went from *Gibraltar* in the *Falkland* Man of War, and the Transports which sail'd the 9th of *October*, about 700 Soldiers, in order to quell the Rebellious Negroes in the Island of *Jamaica*; and after their Departure the Garrison of *Gibraltar* consisted of about 3000 Men. The Reason for sending Troops from thence to *Jamaica*, is there being prepar'd better to live in a hot Climate, than if sent directly from *England*.

Private Letters from *Italy* by Yesterday's Mail, cry up the Governor of *Capua* for his brave Defence: They say he has lately made a new Sally, in which he kill'd and wounded 1100 *Spaniards*, and took forty Waggons loaded with Corn, and a great Sum of Money.

On Saturday the 26th of *October* last was inserted in the *London Evening-Post* the following Paragraph:

'By an Account lately taken, it appears there are above '11,000 empty Houses in the City of *London*, *Westminster*, *Southwark*, and the Bills of Mortality, and about '4000 empty Houses within ten Miles of *London*. A 'sure Sign of the Increase of Trade and Riches in this 'Kingdom.'

In order to shew the Honesty and good Intention of the above Author, we think it proper to inform the Publick, That by a late particular and exact Account taken, it appears there are but 7842 empty Houses in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, the Bills of Mortality, and the County of *Middlesex*, and not 1000 empty Houses, exclusive of *Middlesex*, within ten Miles of *London*: And we are also well assured, that the Number of Houses built on new Foundations within 14 Years past, is near twice the present Number of empty Houses. And we leave it to the Judgment of every impartial Person, whether these Circumstances are any Evidence of the Decrease of the Trade and Riches of the Kingdom, (and it might be added of the Number of Inhabitants) as that Author would falsly and maliciously insinuate, and no Doubt for the Honour and Good of his Country.

WEDNESDAY, *November* 13.

Private Letters from very good Hands tell us, that when the King of *Prussia* call'd for the Margrave of *Brandenbourg-Schwedt* the 10th Instant, N. S. his Majesty presented that Prince with a fine Sword set with Diamonds, and said, 'My Dear, I give you this Sword, that it may 'serve for two Purposes; the Chief of which is to defend 'the true Religion against all its Enemies and Persecutors; 'the other, to defend the Rights of our Family and yours.' That when his Majesty heard the Guns fire at the End of the Solemnity of his Daughter's Marriage, when the Bride and Bridegoom exchange Rings, the King said, 'As 'I had appointed this Wedding to be celebrated as this 'Day, I doubted not a few Days ago, but these Guns 'would have fir'd at the same Time for my Interment, 'and I was wholly resigned to the Will of the Almighty: 'I find I am drawing to my End, but blessed be God I 'am much easier; and tho' confin'd to my Bed, am able 'to see my Orders put in Execution, therefore carry my 'Blessing and these Jewels to the new-married Couple.'

Some Days ago, the Draught of the King's Tomb, which is making in St. *Peter's* Church, was shewn to his Majesty. He examin'd the Statuets of the several Virtues, *&c.* represented thereon, and after a short Pause, he said, 'I am a poor Mortal before God, I'll have none of these 'Attributes of Virtues on my Tomb; let there be only a 'small Trophy on it, and the Statue of *Mars* on one Side 'of it, and that of *Bellona* on the other.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Countess of *Suffolk*, one of the Ladies of her Majesty's Bed-Chamber, resigned her Places, and retired from her Apartment in the Royal Palace of St. *James's*, to her Brother the Lord *Hobart's* in St. *James's Square*.

The same Day a middle-aged Man was found hang'd on one of the Trees in the *Upper Green Park* belonging to St. *James's-Park*; and about the same Time a Woman was found drowned in *Rosamond's-Pond*. The Cause of this dismal Catastrophe is imputed to their Poverty.

The Lords of the Admiralty are come to a Resolution, to provide for the Masters of Ships lately redeem'd from Slavery in *Barbary*, as Places shall become vacant in the Navy.

Last Night Sir *Richard Brocas* committed to *Newgate* *John Sutton* (one of the famous two Brothers) *William Beasley*, and *James Casey*, on the Information of *Macdonald*, for being concerned with him and several others not yet taken, in several Robberies and Burglaries in the County of *Middlesex*, *Surrey* and *Kent*.

Marriage. Yesterday *George Bentley*, of *Whorwell* in *Hampshire*, Esq; was married to Mrs. *Barker*, only Daughter and Coheir of the late *Richard Barker*, of *Enford* in *Wiltshire*, Esq; a young Lady of 25,000 l. Fortune.

Death. On the 14th Instant, N. S. died at *Paris*, the Lady *Louise Renée de Penencoüet*, Dutchess of *Portsmouth*, Countess of *Farnham*, and Baroness of *Petersfield*, in the County of *Southampton*; and Dutchess of *Aubigny* in *France*. By the Death of her Grace, the Dukedom of *Aubigny* in *France*, devolves upon the present Duke of *Richmond*, her Grandson; and a very large Estate comes to his Grace.

Bankrupts. *Charles Shan*, of *Cheapside*, *London*, Chapman and Glass-seller.——*James Hemming*, of *Evesham*, in the County of *Worcester*, Chandler.——*William Wigan*, late of *King-street*, *London*, Coffee-man, Broker and Chapman.

THURSDAY, *November* 14.

During the late Feasts which were given at *Potsdam*, on Occasion of the Nuptials of the fourth Princess to the Margrave of *Schwedt*, his Majesty had a Table of twelve Dishes serv'd up in his Bed-Chamber. On the Day after the Ceremony, the Queen appear'd in publick at his Majesty's Request, and din'd at a Table with the Prince Royal, and the other Princes and Princesses of the Blood. The Prince Royal has taken upon him the Dispatch of all Affairs relating to the common Forms of Government; but nicer Matters of State are still concerted in his Majesty's Presence; as likewise is the Management of the Army and Treasury.

On Tuesday last, on a Motion made by Sir *Gerard Conyers*, and seconded by Sir *Robert Baylis*, the Court of Aldermen of this City made an Order, that a Reward of fifty Pounds should be offer'd for the apprehending and bringing to Justice any Person or Persons, not exceeding ten in Number, who hiss'd, pelted, or any Way insulted Sir *William Billers*, Knt. late Lord Mayor, as he pass'd from *Black-Fryars* to *Fishmongers-Hall* on Lord Mayors-Day: The Money to be paid by the Chamberlain of *London* on the Conviction of each of the Persons, provided such Person or Persons be apprehended within three Months.

We hear a Petition is preparing, in order to be presented to the Parliament, to ease those of the Inhabitants of the City of *Westminster*, &c. who are Victuallers, Innholders, and Venders of Liquor by Retail, from the Charge of 9 d. *per* Week, or 1 l. 19 s. *per Annum*, which they pay for being excused from Quartering a Soldier billeted on them.

The Directors of the *East-India* Company have ordered printed Papers to be distributed among the Sailors, proposing a Gratuity to encourage them to come into their Service.

His Majesty hath purchas'd the House known by the Sign of the Coach and Horses (an old large Building) in the *Old-Palace-Yard*, *Westminster*, in order to have the same pulled down, to furnish a Conveniency for the Coaches of the Peers and Commoners to wait in during the Sitting of Parliament.

They write from *Harwich*, that the Princess of *Orange* still continues there; that the Prince has sent one of the Lords of his Bed-Chamber to *Harwich* with his Compliments, and to attend her Royal Highness in her Voyage; that the Princess has won the Affections of the Corporation to a Degree almost to be ador'd by them; and that her Royal Highness, amongst the many Ways which she has taken to oblige them, has promis'd to revisit that Town as often as she has Occasion to pass over to *Holland*.

A few Days ago her Royal Highness caus'd the Mayor, Aldermen, and other Members of the Corporation of *Harwich*, to be entertain'd at the *Three Cups Inn*, where a Dinner consisting of fifty Dishes was provided for them, and Plenty of all Sorts of fine Wines.

Her Royal Highness diverting herself in a Morning with walking into the neighbouring Fields, all the Stiles are taken away, and the Paths levell'd in the best Manner for her Accommodation.

His Majesty has been pleased to order that the Right Rev. Dr. *Cecil* be translated from the See of *Bristol* to that of *Bangor*.

We hear that Mess. *Kelly* and *Plunket*, Prisoners in the *Tower* of *London*, on a Bill for inflicting Pains and Penalties on them, have prepar'd Petitions to the King and Parliament against the Opening of the Session, praying their Releasement.

On Tuesday a Sailor came to St. *Margaret's* Bone-house, *Westminster*, and owned the Person taken out of the *Thames* at *Westminster-Bridge* last Sunday Morning: The Deceased's Name was *John Wood*, Chief Mate of a Ship lately arrived in the River from *Guiney*, and was to have gone Captain of her next Voyage: He had been missing about three Weeks, tho' by the Freshness and Perfection of the Corpse, 'twas conjectur'd, it could not have lain in the Water above two or three Days: He had (besides the Money in his Pocket, and two Gold Rings on his Finger) a Pair of Gold Studs in his Shirt Sleeves, marked J. W. and a Pair of large Silver Buckles in his Shoes. The Sailor abovementioned promised to appear before the Coroner and his Jury, who sat on Tuesday upon his Body, but did not, upon which they have adjourned their further Enquiry.

Preferment. The Countess of *Tankerville* is appointed to succeed the Countess of *Suffolk*, in her Place of Mistress of the Robes to her Majesty.

Deaths. A few Days since died, at *Stamford* in *Northamptonshire*, *Noah Neale*, Esq; who was Steward for many Years to the Right Hon. the Earl of *Exeter*; he was Father of Mrs. *Bosworth*, the Wife of *John Bosworth*, Esq; Chamberlain of *London*.—They write from *Hanover*, that one Mr. *de Rheede*, an old Gentleman of excessive Wealth, died there lately, devising to his two Sons two Ton Weight of Gold, which he had amass'd for that Purpose in Ingots and Species.

FRIDAY, *November* 15.

Private Letters from *Berlin* of the 9th Instant, N. S. give the following Particulars, touching the State of the King's Health: The Sieur *Ellert*, his Majesty's Body Physician, and the famous Dr. *Hoffman*, profess great Hopes of his present Recovery: They observe Nature co-operates in a signal Manner, having chas'd the Gout from his Stomach to the external Parts of the Body. The Sieur *Stahl*, and those of his Party, are of a quite different Opinion: These Gentlemen observe, that the Humour ceases to discharge itself from the King's Leg, but forms Abscesses, and at the same Time a Fever lurks about his Majesty; for which, and many other learned Reasons, they declare they fear the Winter Solstice. 'Tis no News, *Doctors will differ*. But the same Letters inform us further, that the Disputes of these learned Gentlemen have run so high on this critical Occasion, it has been thought adviseable to empower two Gentlemen of the Sword, *viz.* General *Bodenbrock*, and Adjutant General Colonel *Dalchau*, to preside over their Consultations; first to bring them to an Agreement, and then to sign the *Recipe*, which by proper Influence they shall be brought to give with common Accord.

'Tis assur'd that a Bill will be offer'd to the Parliament for taking off the Duties upon Soap and Candles, by laying a more equal Tax upon Window-Lights, in which the Landlord is to pay one Half of the Duty, and the Tenant the other; the Scheme having been approv'd of by the Ministry.

An Express is actually gone for the Earl of *Essex* to repair forthwith to the Court of *Great Britain* for a short Time: His Excellency will leave his Lady and Son, Lord *Malden*, at *Turin* till his Return.

Yesterday several Governors of St. *Bartholomew's-Hospital* waited on *Robert Westley*, Esq; one of the late Sheriffs of this City, to desire his Consent to nominate him for Treasurer of the said Hospital, when he was pleas'd to express a very great Regard for that Charity; and it is believ'd he will be chosen into that great Trust at the next General Court, which we hear will be on Thursday next.

Preferment. Yesterday the Right Rev. Dr. *Richard Smallbroke*, Lord Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, was pleased to appoint Mr. *Smallbroke*, his Son, to be Chancellor of that Diocese, in the room of the Rev. Dr. *Raines*, L. L. D.

Deaths. On Monday last died, after a long Illness, at his Seat in the County of *Norfolk*, *Waller Bacon*, Esq; Member of the present Parliament for *Norwich*, which City he had represented six Times in Parliament.——Last Tuesday died *George Crookbank*, Esq; in the Commission of Peace for the County of *Middlesex*.——Yesterday died in *Leicester-Fields*, *John Norton*, Esq; also in the Commission of Peace for the County of *Middlesex*.——Last Week died at *York*, Capt. *Briscoe*, who had a Company in Col. *Harrison's* Regiment of Foot.——Yesterday died at *Chelsea*, Capt. *Faldow*, lately arrived from *Gibraltar*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Calais, November 20.

AN *Irish* Regiment of Horse is lately arrived here from the Marshal *d'Asfeldt's* Army. They do not muster half a Regiment, and have been miserably harassed in the Campaign.

There is a Report here, that the Prince of *Tingry* has left the Army, and retired to his Country-Seat upon some Disgust: Also that the *Germans* had defeated a large Body of *French* Troops near *Heidelberg*.

Hanover, November 10. General *Pont Pictin* has sent Advice hither, that the *Danish* Troops at the *Rhine* have seiz'd upon the Winter-Quarters assign'd to the *Hanoverian* Troops, which has given Rise to some Disputes; and that Officer desires the Direction of our Regency, in what Manner he is to determine them.

Naples, October 26. The King has publiſhed an Edict, whereby his Majeſty forbids his Subjects of this Kingdom, and that of *Sicily*, to maintain, directly or indirectly, any Correſpondence or Intelligence with thoſe of the Emperor; or to undertake the Execution of any Commiſſions or Bargains for them, upon Pain of forfeiting the Goods and Effects, and ſeizing the Things deſigned to be ſent to the Enemy; beſides ten Years Baniſhment for the Nobles, and ten Years Galleys for labouring Men. The ſame Penalties are to be inflicted upon thoſe, who by Word of Mouth, or Writing, ſpread Reports capable of alarming his Majeſty's Subjects of both Kingdoms.

Milan, Nov. 3. The King of *Sardinia* has demanded of the Government of this Dutchy, a great Quantity of Hay for the Uſe of the Allies Horſe. His *Sardinian* Majeſty has ſent 2000 Men to *Pavia*, with Orders not to leave that City till the Inhabitants have paid their Quota of the daily Tax called the *Diaria*. The Convent of *Capuchins*, a Monaſtery of Nuns, and ſeveral Houſes ſituate without the Walls of *Cremona*, have been demoliſhed, to make room for the Building of ſome additional Works to the Fortifications of that Place. Thoſe of *Pizzighitone* and *Lodi* are likewiſe to be augmented. A great Number of Pioneers ſet out for this laſt Place Yeſterday, to build a Fort before the Bridge of the *Adda*, and to draw a Line on the other Side of that River, as far as *Caſſano*, which will ſecure the *Milaneze* againſt any Surprize.

Warſaw, Oct. 28. General *Lacy* is arriv'd at *Pultauſk*, and we hear, has ordered that the Primate, who is ſtill at *Thorn*, ſhould be more ſtrictly confined than before, having been credibly informed that he has writ Letters to the Palatine of *Lublin*, and others of his Friends, that they ſhould uſe their utmoſt Efforts to reſcue him out of the Hands of the *Ruſſians*, and then every Thing would go well. It is ſaid that the Palatine of *Kiovy* has reſigned the Command of the Army to the Staroſta *Jazelſki*, M. *Tarlo*, a young Man about 21 or 22 Years of Age; and that the Palatine of *Volhinia*, a near Relation of the Primate's, has laid down his Office of Palatine, in Hopes of being elected Marſhal of a general Confederation, which ſeveral of the Nobility and Gentry are about to make in Favour of King *Staniſlaus*, as their approaching Meeting at *Opatow* near *Sendomir*, whither the Caſtellan of *Czeſki* is marching with his Body of Troops, having lately paſſed the *Viſtula* three Miles from hence.

Warſaw, Nov. 3. By the laſt Poſt from *Zamoſc*, we receiv'd Advice, that there had been a ſharp Action in *Podolia*, between the Diviſion of King *Staniſlaus*'s Troops, commanded by the Palatine *Jaciziński*, and the Body of *Ruſſians*, under the Command of General *Keith*; and that the *Poles* had the Advantage. 'Tis even ſaid, that on the *Ruſſian* Side, above 1000 *Coſſacks* were killed on the Spot; and that one of their General Officers loſt his Life in that Engagement. Notwithſtanding theſe Circumſtances, it ſeems neceſſary to wait the Confirmation of this Event; which, if true, would enable King *Staniſlaus*'s Army to cut off the Communication with their Body of Troops in the *Ukraine*, under the Command of General *Wieſbach*.

Vienna, Nov. 6. The Emperor is drawing up a vigorous Decree, which is to be directed to the Dyet of *Ratiſbon*. The projected Marriage of the Duke of *Lorrain*, with the Arch-dutcheſs *Maria-Thereſa*, is put off till the War is ended: Neither do we hear any Thing concerning the Match between the Arch-dutcheſs *Eleonora-Guilhelmina*, and the Prince *Don Carlos* of *Portugal*.

Frankfort, Nov. 14. When the *French* Troops re-took Poſſeſſion of *Worms*, they were obliged, for want of Quarters, to paſs the firſt Night in the open Air, the Infantry in the great Market-Place, and the Horſe in the great Square before the College. The next Day, however, their Quarters were ſettled. Letters from *Worms* of the 12th adviſe, that to that Day the *French* had behaved very orderly, paying ready Money for every Thing they wanted; and that it was hoped they would continue ſo to do. The 35 Battalions, and 20 Squadrons of *French* Troops, which were marching towards that Place, are all arrived in the Neighbourhood.

Dreſden, Nov. 10. Laſt Sunday we began to put up publick Prayers in the Chapel of the Court, and in all the other Churches of this City for the ſafe Delivery of the Queen.——Two Companies of *Cuiraſſiers*, who are in Garriſon in this City, are to begin their March for *Poland* To-morrow, with all the Troops both Horſe and Foot, which were quartered in the adjacent Parts; but a Battalion of the Grenadiers of the Body-Guard are to return immediately into this Electorate.——Our Miniſtry have negotiated very large Sums at *Leipſig*, and elſewhere, have ſent into *Poland* ſix hundred Waggons laden with Money under a good Guard.——Duke *John Adolfus de Saxe Weiſſenfels* is making ready to depart in a few Days for the Court of *Saxe-Gotha* to eſpouſe the Princeſs, Siſter to the Duke of that Name; but we are aſſur'd that he intends to return towards *Chriſtmas*.

Mayence, Nov. 13, The *French* have put a Garriſon into *Oppenheim*, and ſeveral other ſmall Towns in the Neighbourhood; one of their foraging Parties came a few Days ſince within a ſmall Diſtance of this Place, and carried off a good Quantity of Forage and Proviſions; but we ſhall immediately augment our Garriſon, that we may be able to reſtrain theſe Excurſions for the future.

Paris, Nov. 12. The continual Running backward and forward of Couriers make People imagine, that we have ſome important Negotiations on Foot: 'Tis even ſaid, that Cardinal *Fleury* has declar'd, that he had very great Hopes of procuring an advantageous Peace; be that as it will, the Court has put off their Return to *Verſailles* till the 2d of next Month, which is looked upon to be owing to ſome important Affair, which the Miniſtry are at preſent very deeply engag'd in.——There have been ſeized here, within theſe few Days, a great Number of Strangers, who are ſuſpected to be Spies; the moſt remarkable among whom is a *Daniſh* Gentleman, for the Seizing of whoſe Papers, the moſt ſtrict Search has been made.

Parma, Oct. 30. There comes hither daily from *Guaſtalla* and other Parts, Waggons loaded with ſick and wounded Men from the Army of the Allies, who are carried directly to our Hoſpitals.

Hamburg, Nov. 12. We learn from *Stockholm*, that the Count *de Caſteja, French* Ambaſſador, finding the States of the Realm no Ways inclined to meddle with the Affairs of *Poland*, has ceas'd all further Sollicitations on the Affairs of King *Staniſlaus*: From *Peterſburg*, that the *Swediſh* Miniſter at that Court has at length deliver'd to the Czarina a Copy of the Treaty late concluded between *Sweden* and *Denmark*.

Paris, Nov. 20. Our laſt Letters from *Madrid* adviſe, that his *Catholick* Majeſty had ſent Orders to *Cadiz* for diſarming half the Men of War in that Port, and leaving the reſt equipp'd till freſh Directions. The ſame Letters obſerve, that his Majeſty has nam'd Cardinal *Aquaviva* to manage the Affairs of *Spain* at the Court of *Rome*, upon which his Eminency was preparing to ſet out to fill his Poſt.

Letters from *Genoa* take Notice of an Expreſs that paſs'd through there from *Naples* on his Way to the Court of *Spain*, with Advice, that the brave Governor of *Capua* had demanded to capitulate, but was anſwered by the *Spaniſh* Officer who commands the Blockade, that no Capitulation would be allow'd of, but on Condition the Garriſon ſurrender'd Priſoners of War, in like Manner with the other Garriſons of *Naples* and *Sicily* before them.

They write from the Army in *Italy*, that the *Imperialiſts* had receiv'd all the Succours they expected from *Germany* on the 9th Inſtant, and were approach'd near the *Oglio*, as if they intended to paſs that River; but having found all the Banks well guarded, they went up the River towards the higher Part of the *Mantuan*; upon which the Allies being perſuaded that they deſign'd to trace the River to its Source, in order to paſs over into the *Milaneze*, the Generals ordered a good Body of Troops to file off that Way to give them a Welcome.

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